

Amendments to the Claims:

1-20. (Cancelled)

21. (Currently amended) Footwear ~~having an outsole~~ comprising:

a cavity within ~~the~~ an outsole delimited by an outsole wall;

an upper edge formed on the outsole wall extending along a periphery of the outsole;

a water barrier wall extending from the outsole wall, the water barrier wall being adjacent to and extending beyond the upper edge of the outsole wall, wherein the upper edge of the outsole wall extends from the water barrier wall in a direction opposite the cavity;

an upper ~~having bent to form~~ a bottom portion and that is perpendicular to a bottom edge of the upper, wherein the bottom edge and the bottom portion are juxtaposed with the upper edge of the outsole wall and the water barrier wall, respectively; and

at least one thread for stitching the bottom edge of the upper to the upper edge of the outsole, without penetrating the water barrier wall.

22. (Original) The footwear of claim 21, wherein the water barrier wall is stitchlessly coupled to the upper and terminates at a position above the bottom edge of the upper and the upper edge of the outsole wall.

23. (Original) The footwear of claim 21, further comprising a lip formed on the outsole wall extending along the periphery of the outsole, wherein the lip extends from and is contiguous with the upper edge of the outsole wall, and is spaced apart from the water barrier wall in the direction opposite the cavity.